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15. क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	चेन्नई तिरुचिराप	तमिलनाडु
17. क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	कोचिन	तमिलनाडु
18. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	कोजीकोड	केरल
19. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	त्रिवेद्रम	केरल
20. क्षेत्रिय पासपोर्ट	दिल्ली	दिल्ली
21.	क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट	आसाम
22. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	हैदराबाद	आंध्र प्रदेश
23. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय		
24. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	विशाखाप	आंध्र प्रदेश
	जयपुर	
25. पासोर्ट कार्यालय	पणजी	गोवा
26. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	पटना	बिहार
27. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	जम्मू	जम्मू और
28. पासपोर्ट कार्यालय	श्रीनगर	जम्मू और कशमीर
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Response of the UN General Assembly to India's membership of the Security Council

170. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while addressing the UN General Assembly this September made strong case for permanent membership of the UN Security Council for India, being the largest democracy in the world; and

(b) if so, the response of the General Assembly and that of the individual big powers thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister is his address to 52nd session of the UN General Assembly stated that India is the largest democracy in the world and is prepared to bear in full the responsibilities of permanent membership. Discussions are continuing in the UN General Assembly on Security Council restructuring. Most countries including the big powers have accepted the idea of expanding the Security Council. However, there is no consensus so far on candidates or criteria for expansion.

Prime Minister's Meeting with US. President

171. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to New York in connection with the UN General Assembly Session had a meeting with US President Bill Clinton, on September 22, 1997 following an assurance that the Summit would focus only on bilateral relations.

(b) if so, what specific bilateral and other issues were discussed with him, and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the US President drove home the point that India and Pakistan should resolve their differences in the 50th year of their independence, if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI) (a) to (c) PM had a very cordial and productive meeting with President Clinton in New York during his recent visit in connection with the UN General Assembly Session. The broad agenda for the meeting was decided through mutual consultations. It was agreed that the main focus of the meeting would be on Indo-US relations. During the meeting many issues of bilateral interest were dicussed. The President emphasised the importance he attaches to the deeper relationship with India and spoke about his forthcoming visit to India. Among bilateral issues, the growing economic and commercial links between India and the US, and Indo-US issues in the context of the WTO were dicussed. The two leaders also exchanged views regarding regional and international issues. PM outlined the recent initiatives taken by India to build friendly and cooperative relationship with all countries of the region. The President expressed his appreciation of the new orientation in India's policy towards its neighbours. During the course of the discussions, PM underscored the need for countries of this region to settle issues amongst themselves through direct dialogue. The US side expressed that it was supportive of the talks

between Pakistan and India and did not seek to get involved in these discussions.

China's claim for more Indian Territory

172. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China, which has occupied sizeable Indian territory by force, is still claiming more territory from India;

(b) if so, what are the claims of China and how Government of India are reacting to these claims; and

(c) the details of the alleged claims of China and the detailed replies sent from Indian side in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) to (c) The part of Indian territory under illegal occupation by China in the State of Jammu & Kashmir has an area of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement' of 1963, Pakistan illegal ceded aproximately 5,120 sq. kms, of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

China claims approximately 90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the Eastern sector of the India-China boundary in Arunachal Pradesh.

India and China are committed to work towards a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. Both countries are discussing the boundary question in the framework of the India-China Joint Working Group and India-China Expert Group. The Agreement on Maintenance of Border peace and Tranquility, signed in 1993, and the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures, signed in November 1996, will contribute to maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

Cancellation of Meetings Between High Indian and American Officials

173. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several meetings between high Indian and American officials have been put off; and

(b) the reasons for a string of cancellations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) and (b) A proposed visit to the USA by the Minister of State for Civil Aviation and the holding of the bilateral Indo-US Defence Policy Group meeting are being re-scheduled to mutually convenient dates which are being finalised through diplomatic channels.

Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi

174. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Foreign Service Institute at Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of trainees coming from different countries; and

(c) the subjects taught at the above Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In the current year so far (January-October, 1997) 109 diplomats from different countries have attended the Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats conducted by the Foreign Service Institute.

(c) The programme for the professional course for Foreign Diplomats includes the following training modules: International Relations Introduction to Diplomacy, Regional Focus Special Focus on India, International Law, New Areas of International Relations, International Organisations, Defence and Security, International Economic Relations and Commercial Diplomacy, Diplomatic Practice and Protocol, International Communications and Information Technology, Diplomatic Skills, Representational Entertainment and Decor, Culture and Diplomacy and Diplomatic Exercises. The Programme also includes study tours to places of interest outside Delhi, including visits to industrial & scientific establishments like HAL, BEL, ISRO, NIO, etc. in order to expose the foreign diplomats to India's potential and capabilities in these areas.